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DESPERATION

Man Goes Stark Craving Mad

Police in Massachusetts have arrested a man they say was so desperate for a sugar fix that he smashed the glass front door of a closed Foxborough, Mass., convenience store, left a \$5 bill on the counter, and made off with several candy bars and packages of cigarette. Police say 25-year-old Edward Cowen was arrested Thursday and charged with breaking and entering, malicious destruction and larceny from a building. (AP)

"We are going to keep doing this until we run out of dogs in Kansas City and have to start shipping them in."

— MARK VALENTINE, PRESIDENT OF KANSAS CITY'S FIRST CINCO DE MAYO CHIHUAHUA PARADE. FIVE HUNDRED DOGS SHOWED UP IN COSTUME SATURDAY — 200 FEWER THAN NEEDED TO BREAK THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD. (AP)

EAR WORMS

If He Were in Middle School, This Would Be a Regular Day

A 6-year-old boy was suspended from his Aurora, Colo., school for three days after school officials said he told a girl "I'm sexy and I know it," a line from a popular song by LMFAO. D'Avonte Meadows, a first-grader at Sable Elementary School, is accused of sexual harassment and disrupting other students, according to a letter from the school district. (AP)

● **The Big Picture**

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THIS IS WHERE ALL THOSE MARDI GRAS BEADS GO: A race fan wearing a decorated hat stands in the infield during the 138th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on Saturday in Louisville, Ky. (GETTY)

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THIS WEEK



Ind. Primary

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., faces his primary challenger, Indiana state Treasurer Richard Mourdock, on Tuesday. Lugar, 80, hasn't had a primary challenger since he became a senator in 1976.

College Loan Interest Rates

With Congress returning from recess, the Senate plans to vote Tuesday on whether to start debating a Democratic plan to keep college loan interest rates from doubling on July 1.

Syria Braces For Elections

Nationwide parliamentary elections are scheduled for Monday in Syria. The regime, under President Bashar Assad, has portrayed the vote as a sign of willingness to carry out reforms.

Mirror Images in Campaign

Romney, Obama share many of the traits they use as attack fodder

Washington

He's a smug, Harvard-trained elitist who doesn't get how regular Americans are struggling these days. More extreme than he lets on, he's keeping his true agenda hidden until after Election Day. He's clueless about fixing the economy, over his head on foreign policy. Who is he?

Your answer will help decide the next president.

Is it Barack Obama, as seen by Mitt Romney? Or Romney, the way Obama depicts him? For all their liberal versus conservative differences, when the two presidential contenders describe each other, they sound like they're ragging on the same flawed guy. Or mirror images of that guy.

Will voters prefer the man waving with his left hand or his right?

Blame it on two cautious candidates with more traits in common than their disparate early biographies would suggest.

No Drama Obama is panned as professorial and aloof. Romney is deemed boring when he's not being awkward. Distrusted as too moderate within his own party, each is demonized as a radical by the other

Both candidates are slammed as ...

... "out of touch" with ordinary Americans.

Mitt Romney grew up wealthy, with a governor for a father. Worth \$200 million or more. He's the kind of guy who had a Swiss bank account, Democrats note.

President Obama doesn't understand the real world because "he spent too much time at Harvard," Romney said, who earned two Harvard degrees himself.

... bad for the middle class.

Romney wants to reduce taxes on the wealthy while cutting Medicare, health care and other programs the middle class needs, Democrats charge.

Obama failed to deliver on his promises to help Americans "struggling to find good jobs and make ends meet," the Romney camp says.

... unable to fix the economy.

As a venture capitalist, Romney laid off workers and shipped jobs to Mexico, the Obama campaign says.

Obama can't get the jobless rate below 8 percent. He "delayed the recovery and made it anemic," according to Romney.



side. They don't get specific about the tough stuff, like budget cuts or taxes, that would invite more precisely calibrated negative ads.

Add a presidential contest buried beneath a single issue, the economy, and original lines of attack are scarce. The candidates take jabs anyway.

"They're trying to define each other ... They're throwing out different characterizations to see which one resonates."

— KEN DUBERSTEIN, CHIEF OF STAFF TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN.

Attacks big or small get batted back, even if the response amounts to "I know you are, what am I?"

Democrats accuse Republicans of a "war on women," Romney's campaign notes rising female unemployment during the Obama years. The Obama camp jokes about Romney's dog riding on the roof of the family car; Republicans respond that Obama ate dog meat as a boy in Indonesia.

With quickie Internet videos and instant comebacks via Twitter, "the attack and counterattack is happening in real time," said political communications expert Kathleen Hall Jamieson. CONNIE CASS (AP)

Wife Witnesses Soldier's Death Over Skype

Dallas

An Army nurse showed no alarm or discomfort before suddenly collapsing during a Skype video chat with his wife, who saw a bullet hole in a closet behind him, his family said Sunday.

Capt. Bruce Kevin Clark's family released a statement describing what his wife saw April 30 in the video feed that recorded her husband's death in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan.

"Clark was suddenly knocked

forward," the statement said. "The closet behind him had a bullet hole in it. The other individuals, including a member of the military, who rushed to the home of CPT Clark's wife also saw the hole [in the video] and agreed it was a bullet hole."

The statement says the Skype link remained open for two hours after Clark collapsed as family and friends in the U.S. and Afghanistan tried to get him help.

"After two hours and many frantic phone calls by Mrs. Clark,

two military personnel arrived in the room [in Afghanistan] and appeared to check his pulse, but provided no details about his condition to his wife," the statement said.

The Pentagon said previously that Clark's death remains under investigation.

Susan Orellana-Clark said she was providing details of what she saw "to honor my husband and dispel the inaccurate information and supposition promulgated by other parties."



Capt. Bruce Kevin Clark
grew up in Michigan and previously lived in Spen-cerport, N.Y. He joined the Army in 2006 and left for Afghanistan in March.

U.S. officials in Afghanistan referred questions to the Pentagon, which previously referred questions to the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, where Clark was assigned.

Clarence Davis, spokesman for William Beaumont Army Medical Center, declined to comment on Clark's family's statement.

Clark, 43, was deployed to Afghanistan in March.

Clark's body was returned Thursday to Dover Air Force Base.

He is also survived by two daughters, ages 3 and 9. TERRY WALLACE (AP)

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Biden OK With Gay Marriage

Washington

Not An Endorsement



Vice President Biden has said that personal views, as well as the country's, on gay marriage are evolving.

The vice president's office said Sunday that Biden's comments were not an endorsement, but simply a reaffirmation of his belief that same-sex couples deserve the same rights and protections as all Americans. (AP)

someone you love, whether that marriage is between a man and a woman, two men or two women. "I am absolutely comfortable with

the fact that men marrying men, women marrying women and heterosexual men and women marrying one another are entitled to the same exact rights, all the civil rights, all the civil liberties," said Biden, a devout Catholic.

Gay rights advocates said Biden's comments signaled unmistakable support for gay marriage, which they said made him the highest-ranking member in the Obama administration to do so.

"I'm grateful that the vice president of the United States is now publicly supporting marriage equality," said Chad Griffin, a gay rights supporter and a member of the Obama campaign's national finance committee. JULIE PACE (AP)

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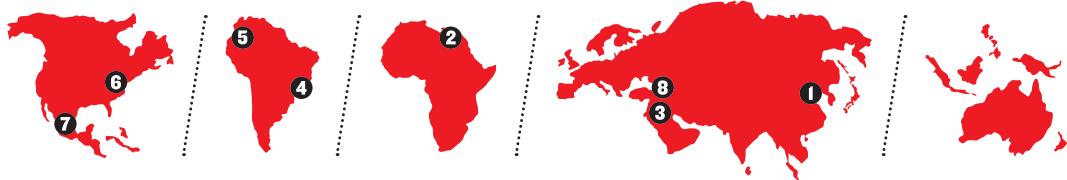
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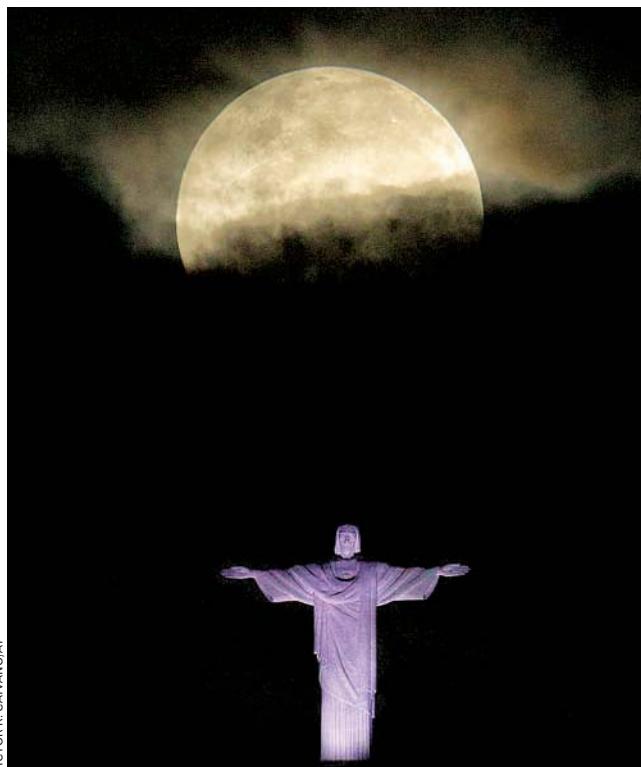
Weekend Review



1 BEIJING

U.S., China Close to Deal On Blind Activist's Exit

The U.S. and China outlined a tentative deal Friday to send a blind activist to America, ending a delicate diplomatic crisis. If kept, it promises to give Chen Guangcheng much of what he wanted: a chance to live with his family in safety and to get a formal legal education. (AP)



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2 CAIRO

Egypt Looks to Charge Dissidents Over Attack

Egypt's military officials moved swiftly Saturday to prosecute at least 300 protesters they blamed for an attack on the Defense Ministry, in an attempt to put down increasingly violent protests just weeks before a presidential vote. Friday's street battles raised political tensions to new heights. (AP)

3 BEIRUT

Bombing Kills 5 in Syria

A bomb struck a car wash Saturday in Aleppo, Syria's largest city, killing at least five people, a day after regime troops opened fire to break up mass protests against a violent university raid. Aleppo has largely stayed out of the revolt against President Bashar Assad. (AP)

4 Good Heavens!

The skies shroud the moon above the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday, during the so-called supermoon phenomenon, when the full moon coincides with its closest approach to Earth. The proximity makes the moon seem bigger and brighter than usual.



5 "They could track me anywhere in the world that I go, but they haven't done so. If the Secret Service agents were idiots, imagine the investigators."

— DANIA LONDONO SUAREZ, WHO TOLD THE COLOMBIAN STATION W RADIO ON FRIDAY THAT SHE WAS THE PROSTITUTE WHO TRIGGERED THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE SCANDAL IN COLOMBIA.

6 WASHINGTON

'Transplant Shock' Kills National Christmas Tree

Workers on Saturday began removing the 28-foot-tall National Christmas tree transplanted near the White House in March 2011. The National Park Service said in a statement that the tree, which was brought here from New Jersey, died as a result of "complications from transplant shock." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

7 MEXICO CITY

23 Slain Amid Turf War Between Drug Cartels

The bodies of 23 people were found hanging from a bridge or decapitated and dumped near city hall Friday in the border city of Nuevo Laredo, where drug cartels are fighting a bloody and escalating turf war between Zetas, a gang of ex-Mexican special-forces soldiers, and the powerful Sinaloa cartel. (AP)

8 TBILISI, GEORGIA

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The estimated number of godchildren the patriarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church, Ilia II, has gained since he began mass baptisms in 2008 in an effort to help raise the country's birth rate. Ilia baptized 400 babies on Sunday. (AP)



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World

In Brief



A funnel cloud that spun into a tornado hovers Sunday near Tsukuba, Japan.

TOKYO

Tornado in Japan Kills 1, Injures 30 Near Tokyo

A tornado tore through a city northeast of Japan's capital on Sunday, killing one person and injuring more than 30 others. The twister mostly carved a path through residential areas in Tsukuba, and destroyed about 200 houses, public broadcaster NHK reported. Tornadoes are relatively rare in the area. (AP)

JERUSALEM

Israeli PM Signals Vote Likely Pushed Up to Sept.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday signaled he wants to hold elections in September, more than a year ahead of schedule. Sunday night, Netanyahu sounded as if he was already on the campaign trail, and polls suggest he will win another term in office. (AP)

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

NATO Troop Fatally Shot By Afghan Colleague

An Afghan soldier killed a NATO trooper before being shot to death Sunday in southern Afghanistan. Nearly 20 such attacks this year have raised the level of mistrust between the U.S.-led coalition and their Afghan partners as NATO gears up to hand over security ahead of the 2014 deadline for withdrawal. (AP)

SANAA, YEMEN

Al-Qaeda Leader Sought By FBI Is Slain in Yemen

An airstrike Sunday killed an al-Qaeda leader on the FBI's most wanted list, officials said. Fahd al-Quso, 37, was indicted in the U.S. for his role in the 2000 bombing in the USS Cole, in which 17 U.S. sailors were killed and 39 injured. (AP)



A bloodied protester winces Sunday in Moscow, where dissidents clashed with police in a display of anger over Vladimir Putin's impending inauguration as president.



Protest in Moscow Turns Bloody

Demonstrators clash on the eve of Putin's switch to president

Moscow

A demonstration by at least 20,000 people a day before Vladimir Putin's inauguration as president turned into a battle with police Sunday after protesters tried to split off from the approved venue and march to the Kremlin.

Club-wielding officers seized demonstrators, dragging some by the hair, others by the neck.

More than 400 people were

arrested, and police said that 12 riot police officers were injured.

Sunday's demonstration started out peacefully, with protesters cheerfully marching down a wide avenue. Some demonstrators aimed to turn up the pressure by trying to head to the Kremlin.

When a phalanx of riot police blocked their approach to the bridge leading to the Kremlin, the protesters formed human chains and some hurled stones at the police.

After about an hour, police began pushing protesters back and harshly detained some of them.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, defended the police

Backstory

Past occurrences in Russia's unprecedented wave of protests after fraud-plagued parliamentary elections in December had been marked by fastidious order. Sunday's break in that pattern likely reflected

a sense of anger among protesters upset that Vladimir Putin was handily elected to the presidency despite their defiance. (AP)



action. "I would have liked them to be tougher," he said on the Dozhd cable television channel.

Before the march turned violent, demonstrators acknowledged that Putin's March election win was a blow to morale. Others aired doubts about whether the protests would spur any long-term change.

"I would like to think that our voice will be heard, but I am not totally sure of this," said Yelena Karpova, 47, of Tula, about 120 miles south of Moscow.

Putin, who dismissed the protesters as callow, pampered youths, is to be sworn in Monday for a six-year term. NATALIYA VASILYeva (AP)

Assad's Hold on Syria Is Slipping, Turkish PM Says

Beirut

President Bashar Assad's grip on Syria is getting weaker by the day and "victory is close," Turkey's prime minister said Sunday in an address to thousands of cheering Syrians who fled a brutal crackdown on dissent.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan's cross-border taunt during a rare visit to a refugee camp came a day before Syria was to hold parliament elections.

The regime has portrayed the



Syrians gather on Sunday at a refugee camp in Kilis, Turkey, to hear Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

vote for a 250-member parliament as a sign of its willingness to carry out democratic reforms. Syria's opposition dismissed the election Sunday as a cynical attempt to salvage Assad's tattered legitimacy and asked voters to stay away.

An April 12 truce that was part of a peace plan for Syria by special envoy Kofi Annan has failed to take hold. Even so, the international community has not declared Annan's plan a failure, perhaps in part because it can't agree on an alternative. (AP)



TRENDS

Game On in Somalia

Video games are the new rage in Somalia, a first-world entertainment option for youths that wasn't permitted when the militant al-Shabab controlled Mogadishu. Parents say the games keep teens off the streets, lowering the chances they might be recruited by militants. (AP)

Cover Story



President-elect Francois Hollande waves Sunday after his victory speech in Tulle, France.

Hollande Seizes Win

French voters oust Sarkozy, a decision likely to alter how Europe tackles debt

Paris

Socialist François Hollande defeated conservative incumbent Nicolas Sarkozy on Sunday to become France's next president, heralding a change in how Europe tackles its debt crisis and how France flexes its military and diplomatic muscle around the world.

Exuberant, diverse crowds filled the Place de la Bastille, the iconic plaza of the French Revolution, to fete Hollande's victory, waving French, European and labor union flags and climbing its central column. Leftists are overjoyed to have one of their own in

power for the first time since Socialist François Mitterrand was president from 1981 to 1995.

"Austerity can no longer be inevitable!" Hollande declared in his victory speech Sunday night after a surprising campaign that saw him transform from an unremarkable, mild figure to an increasingly statesmanlike one.

Sarkozy is the latest victim of a wave of voter anger at government spending cuts around Europe that have tossed out governments and leaders over the past couple of years.

Hollande promised help for France's downtrodden after years under Sarkozy, a man many voters saw as too friendly with the rich and blamed for economic troubles.

Hollande, whose inauguration must happen no later than May 16, said European partners should be relieved and not frightened by his presidency.

A New Order in Europe

France Nicolas Sarkozy on Sunday became the latest European leader ousted over austerity moves. On Sunday, five other countries held critical votes as well. (AP)



Britain

Gordon Brown leads the Labour Party to defeat in a May 2010 election; Conservative Party leader David Cameron, above, ushers in a coalition government.

Greece

At the height of Greece's financial crisis, Socialist leader George Papandreu is forced out in November 2011 after he endangers the country's bailout.



Italy

Long-reviled premier Silvio Berlusconi, above, exits in November 2011 as investors lose confidence in his ability to rein in debt.

Spain

The Socialists of Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who implemented crushing austerity moves, are ousted in November 2011.



Greece

The nation cast ballots Sunday in a parliamentary vote key to pulling itself out of a deep financial crisis that has threatened its position in the eurozone. Thirty-two parties were vying for the support of nearly 10 million registered voters.



Serbia

The nation of 7.1 million people in southeast Europe held presidential, parliamentary and municipal elections. The outcomes could affect Serbia's relations with the European Union as well as Kosovo, a one-time province whose declaration of independence Serbia has refused to accept.



Germany

Voters in the northernmost state of Schleswig-Holstein elected a new legislature, a popularity test for Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right coalition. About 2.24 million people were eligible to vote.



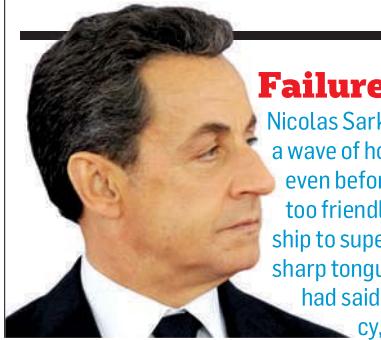
Italy

It's the nation's first election since Premier Mario Monti was tapped to save Italy from its debt crisis. The balloting is seen as a gauge of public anger against parties supporting his austerity measures. About 9.5 million Italians were eligible to vote Sunday and Monday for 942 city councils and mayorships.



Armenia

About 2.5 million Armenians were eligible to vote for a new parliament in an election the nation's president hoped would give him a legislative majority. Serge Sarkisian's Republican Party was expected to win, but it wanted the majority in the 131-seat body to avoid having to form a coalition.



Failure to Deliver

Nicolas Sarkozy came to France's presidency in 2007 on a wave of hope for change that critics say he squandered even before the debt crisis. They saw his tax reforms as too friendly to the rich, his divorce in office and courtship to supermodel Carla Bruni as unseemly and his sharp tongue as unfitting for his esteemed role. Sarkozy had said he would quit politics if he lost the presidency, but was vague about his plans Sunday. (AP)

"I am proud to have been capable of giving people hope again," Hollande told huge crowds of supporters in Tulle. "We will succeed!"

Hollande inherits an economy that's a driver of the EU but is deep in debt. He wants more government stimulus, and more government spending in general, despite concerns in the markets that France needs to urgently trim its debt.

While some market players have worried about a Hollande presidency, Jeffrey Bergstrand, professor of finance at the University of Notre Dame, said it's a good thing that Hollande will push for more spending throughout Europe to stimulate the economy.

51.1%

The amount of votes Francois Hollande had secured Sunday night, with 75 percent of the vote counted, official results showed. Nicolas Sarkozy had 48.9 percent of the ballots cast. (AP)

Europe is "going into a really serious and poor situation," Bergstrand said. Hollande "is going to become the speaker for those countries that want to do something about economic growth."

Sarkozy conceded defeat minutes after the polls closed, saying he had called Hollande to wish him "good luck" as the country's new leader.

Sarkozy, who ran the country through its worst recession since World War II and the ensuing European debt crisis, said he did his best to win a second term, despite widespread anger at his handling of the economy.

"I bear responsibility ... for the defeat," he said. "I committed myself totally, fully, but I didn't succeed in convincing a majority of French. ... I didn't succeed in making the values we share win." ANGELA CHARLTON AND ELAINE GANLEY (AP)



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More Bikes Coming to Md.

Montgomery County, Rockville to get share systems in near future

Rockville, Md.

Montgomery County has received state money to help establish a Capital Bikeshare program next year in Friendship Heights, Bethesda, the Medical Center Metro station area, Takoma Park and Silver Spring, county officials said last week.

The 350 bikes and 50 bike-docking stations should be up and running in about 12 months, said county spokeswoman Esther Bowring.

The program is estimated to cost \$2.15 million to establish. The new state grant of \$1 million brings the total committed to the project to about \$1.5 million. The other funding includes another recently approved state grant for \$250,000 and an additional \$250,000 pledged by the private sector. County funding will make up the rest, Bowring said.

The program is expected to cost \$500,000 annually to operate and maintain, Bowring said. About \$200,000 of that should be covered by membership fees and pri-



FILE PHOTO OTW/P

Officials say the docking stations for lower Montgomery County will have 350 bikes.

\$2.15M

The amount it will cost for Montgomery County to establish a Capital Bikeshare program that includes up to 50 bike-docking stations.

vate sponsorships, she said, with the county covering the rest.

Last year, the county received

federal grant money and funding from the city of Rockville for 20 Bikeshare stations and 200 bikes in the areas of Rockville and Shady Grove/Life Sciences Center. That program is expected to be up and running later this year, Bowring said. KATHERINE SHAVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Metro: Juveniles Released Pepper Spray on Train

Transportation

Metro officials said they were looking for juveniles at L'Enfant Plaza who released pepper spray in a Blue Line train around 3:05 p.m. Thursday. The train was headed in the direction of Franconia-Springfield.

Dan Stessel, Metro's chief spokesman, said the pepper spray was released on car No. 3112.

The car was isolated at the Smithsonian stop, he said, and "passengers were moved to another car." There were no reports of injuries, and Stessel

said no one requested medical attention.

He said transit police canvassed L'Enfant Plaza for suspects but didn't find anyone involved.

Metro ran tunnel fans to clear residual pepper spray from the air at L'Enfant Plaza, Stessel said. Still some riders were concerned.

Anthony Sanchez, 52, said he was entering the L'Enfant Plaza station when he started to feel "something in his throat" and started coughing. He said he noticed other riders were doing

the same.

He said when he asked a Metro Transit Police officer what was going on, he was told juveniles had released pepper spray, but he said no announcements were being made in the station.

Sanchez said he called 911 and the dispatcher transferred him to Metro Transit Police. But he said he hung up after 10 to 12 seconds when no one picked up.

"It seemed likely they weren't going to pay attention," he said. "I was just trying to make sure they knew what was going on."

DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

D.C.'s Lawless Cab Hassle

Illegal rider selection goes unregulated at Union Station in D.C.

Washington

The Amtrak passengers rushed out of Union Station at 1:33 a.m. on a chilly, April Monday, racing to form a long line at an unmarked taxi stand. With Metro closed and no other foreseeable way to get home, they found themselves at the mercy of cabdrivers cherry-picking for the best fares.

"Virginia? Anyone going to Virginia?" a cabbie shouted.

"Georgetown? Anyone going to Georgetown?" another inquired.

These solicitations were violating civil laws that prohibit cabdrivers from rejecting or choosing riders based on their destinations. That violation is punishable by a ticket and fines up to \$250. No matter: There were no officers or inspectors there to enforce the law anyway.

When the city's hack inspectors and cab dispatchers have gone to bed, a special type of bedlam occurs after midnight at Union Station.

Ron Linton, chairman of the District's taxi commission,



Passengers wait in line to grab cabs at Union Station in the early hours of April 30.

"The drivers know we don't have the resources to keep inspectors out so late. So they are rolling the dice."

— RON LINTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE D.C. TAXI COMMISSION.

acknowledged that the system isn't working the way it's supposed to.

"We know cabdrivers are not following the rules and things are getting wild past midnight," he

said. "The drivers know we don't have the resources to keep inspectors out so late, so they are rolling the dice and taking a gamble."

Privately, cabbies say that the only way they can stay competitive is by doing what their peers are doing. None of them would give their name to a reporter, fearful of losing their license.

"We're going to severely ratchet up our enforcement actions to take care of the complaints coming from Union Station," Linton said after being told about the incidents. He just didn't know when.

ROBERT SAMUELS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Va. AG Cuccinelli Suffers 3 Defeats in 6 Months

Richmond, Va.

First, an appeals court tossed out his challenge to the federal health-care law. Months later, the Virginia Supreme Court rejected an assertion by Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli II that the state's flagship university had to turn over doc-



Cuccinelli

uments on global warming to his office.

And last week, a judge dismissed his lawsuit against a major New York City bank he claims defrauded

ed state and local pension funds of \$40 million.

That makes the third legal defeat for Cuccinelli, a Republican, in the past six months — a highly public setback for the outspoken attorney general as he kicks off his gubernatorial campaign. ANITA KUMAR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Ex-Teacher Back in Md. For Sex Abuse Charges

Washington

Kevin Ricks, the former Manassas high school teacher who was serving a 25-year sentence in a Tucson federal prison after admitting that he abused numerous teenage boys, has returned to the Washington area to face additional charges, jail officials said.

Ricks, who turned 52 on Thursday, is now being held at the Caroline County jail in Denton, Md., on Maryland's Eastern Shore, jail officials confirmed Sunday. In

Maryland, Ricks faces charges of child sex abuse and various sex offenses involving a German foreign exchange student who lived with Ricks and his wife during the 2003-04 school year.

At the time, Ricks was living in Federalsburg, Md., and he had been teaching at Colonel Richardson High School before his contract was not renewed.

Ricks, who is scheduled for release from federal prison in 2032, could face an additional 80 years if convicted in Maryland. (TWP)



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Nothing Missing This Year

Capitals have proven they've learned from past playoff missteps

The Capitals

In each of the previous four post-seasons, the Capitals lacked at least one key ingredient all successful teams possess.

In 2008, they didn't have the experience to finish off the Flyers.

In 2009, they didn't have the killer instinct to put away the Penguins in Game 7.

In 2010, they didn't have the



mental fortitude against the Canadiens, despite bringing home a 3-1 series lead.

Last spring, they simply didn't get enough from the team's stars to beat Tampa Bay.

But after Brooks Laich and his teammates gritted their teeth Saturday, tossed themselves in front of slap shots and willed their way past the New York Rangers to win 3-2 and tie up the Eastern Conference semifinal series, the question must be considered: Is this Washington's best playoff team since 1998, the year the franchise advanced to its only Stanley Cup final?

It might be premature to ask that about an outfit that's a mere 6-5 in the playoffs and hasn't won a game by more than a goal. But this much cannot be denied: The Capitals' collective confidence is growing.

"We feel comfortable in all areas of the game right now," Laich said. "We've changed to a little more



MICHAELE LAYTON/GOTTY IMAGES

The Capitals celebrate after winning Game 4 of their playoff series against the New York Rangers on Saturday at Verizon Center.

Ovi Off the Hook

Alex Ovechkin said on Sunday he has not heard from the NHL or league disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan about his hit on Rangers defenseman Dan Girardi in Game 4. Nor does the Capitals star left wing expect to. It doesn't look like Ovechkin will face any supplemental discipline for the hit, sources said. Coach Dale Hunter reiterated that he believed the hit was "incidental contact." (TWP)



defensive style, but we're still getting the goals when we need them."

Defensively, they've limited opponents to 2.18 goals per game, the fourth best among the eight teams alive as of Sunday afternoon.

Rookie goalie Braden Holtby sports a 1.94 goals against average and a .933 save percentage in 11 starts. Michal Neuvirth, for comparison's sake, posted a 2.34 and .912 in nine starts last season.

And the Capitals are getting key contributions from those paid handsomely to deliver. Alex Ovechkin has two goals in three games and Mike Green has a pair in six. Nicklas Backstrom had his strongest performance since returning from the concussion in Game 4, and Alexander Semin directed a game-high 10 shots at the Rangers' cage.

"There are a lot of areas in our game that we've really cleaned up

from years past, and we're getting rewarded for it," he added.

Laich said the Capitals are getting help in two areas tactics cannot account for but are equally important to long playoff runs: health and luck.

The only player who has been unable to suit up this postseason is goalie Tomas Vokoun, who has been out since March with a pulled groin muscle. And given the way Holtby has performed, Vokoun hasn't been missed all that much.

As confident as they are, it's important the Capitals and their championship-starved fans don't look ahead. After all, they need two more to advance, including at least one more at Madison Square Garden against a talented foe.

But after Saturday's effort, it's getting hard not to, isn't it? TARIK EL-BASHIR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief



Spencer Hawes celebrates after making a three-pointer in Sunday's game.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Bulls on the Brink Of Elimination by 76ers

Spencer Hawes scored 22 points and Jrue Holiday had 20 to help the surprising Philadelphia 76ers beat the Chicago Bulls 89-82 on Sunday and take a 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference playoff series. Andre Iguodala had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Sixers, who have won the last three games after losing Game 1. (AP)

AUTO RACING

Keselowski Gets Push To Win at Talladega

Brad Keselowski on Sunday won the Sprint Cup Series race at Talladega Superspeedway, where he used a huge push from Kyle Busch to steal the race from Matt Kenseth. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Seau Family Mulls Giving Brain to Researchers

San Diego Chargers chaplain Shawn Mitchell says Junior Seau's family is revisiting its decision to donate the former NFL linebacker's brain for research into football-related injuries. (AP)

NHL PLAYOFFS

Kings Sweep the Blues

Dustin Brown scored two goals, Jonathan Quick made 23 saves, and the eighth-seeded Los Angeles Kings finished an improbable four-game sweep of the St. Louis Blues with a 3-1 victory Sunday, advancing to the conference finals for just the second time in club history. (AP)



Long Time Coming: Albert Pujols has hit his first regular-season home run since joining the Los Angeles Angels, ending the longest drought of his 12-year career after 33 games and 139 at-bats. Pujols' two-run shot into the left-field bullpen Sunday came in the fifth inning against Toronto's Drew Hutchison. Pujols was playing his 28th game for the Angels since leaving St. Louis and signing a \$240 million, 10-year contract. (AP)

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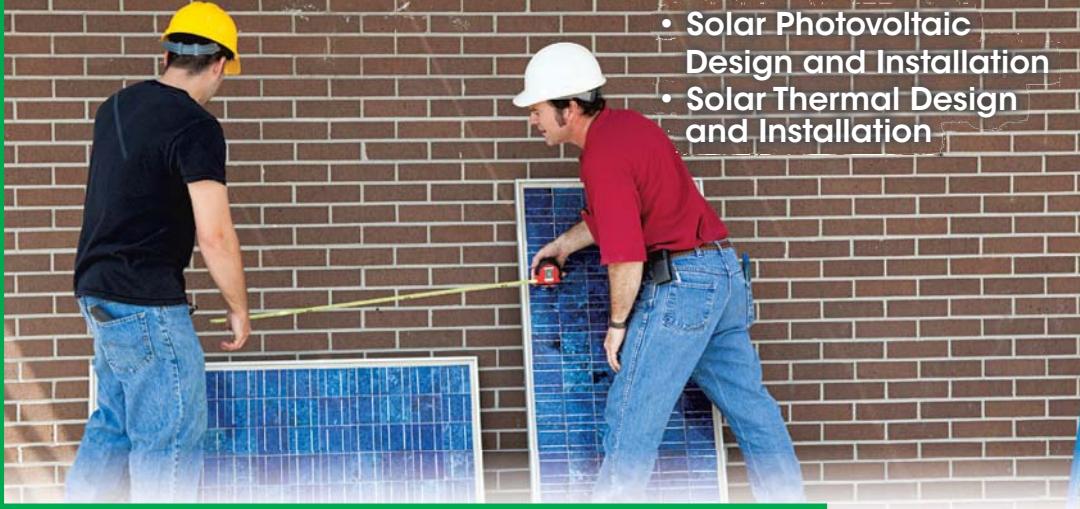
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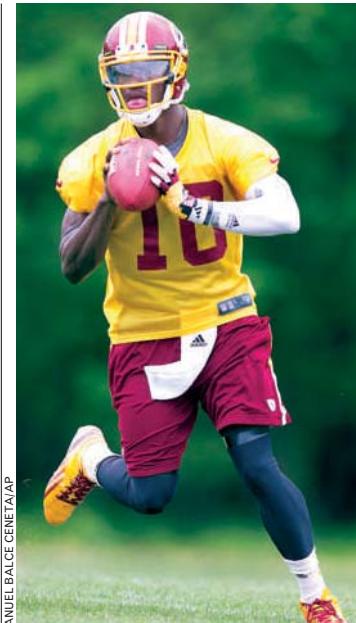
The Redskins

Redskins coach Mike Shanahan came away from his team's 2012 rookie minicamp so impressed with quarterback Robert Griffin III that he named the rookie the team's starter. "He's the starter. Period," Shanahan said Sunday after watching Griffin in five practices over the last three days.

Griffin, whom the Redskins selected with the second overall pick of the draft after giving up first-round picks in 2012, 2013 and 2014 as well as this year's second-round pick, proved himself a fast learner during his crash course introduction to Washington's system.

"Any time you pick a player with the second pick of the draft and you give up another two No. 1's and No. 2 and you move up four spots, you've got a game plan in mind," Shanahan said. "We're going to adjust our system to what he feels comfortable with, and we'll watch him grow."

Previously, Shanahan had said that Griffin would be elevated to starter when he was ready to assume the role, even if that moment didn't come until after the season began.



Redskins QB Robert Griffin III prepares to make a pass at practice on Sunday.

Shanahan said that Griffin made a strong early impression on him when he hit the field for his first practice on Friday. From there, the quarterback continued to soak up the information showered upon him, and executed well on the field.

"He's great. You can see what an incredible athlete he is," Shanahan said. "I was impressed with the first day. He didn't have one bust on a formation or a play call, and I've never had that in all the mini-camps I've been involved with."

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7:30 P.M., NBCSN) The Caps try to take a 3-2 lead over the New York Rangers, followed by Game 5 of the Nashville Predators-Phoenix Coyotes series.

NBA PLAYOFFS (8 P.M., 10:30 P.M., TNT) The San Antonio Spurs can finish out a sweep of the Utah Jazz and then the Memphis Grizzlies aim to tie their series with the L.A. Clippers.

ORIOLES (7 P.M., MASN) The O's start a series against the Texas Rangers in Baltimore.

PRO BASEBALL (1 P.M., WGN; 7 P.M., ESPN) The Chicago White Sox visit the Cleveland Indians and the Philadelphia Phillies host the New York Mets.

SOCER (2:55 PM, ESPN2) Blackburn hosts Wigan in the Premier League.

Sports

Knicks Earn First Playoff Victory Since '01

N.Y. snaps 13-game losing streak to stay alive versus the Heat

Pro Basketball

Carmelo Anthony scored 41 points, Amare Stoudemire had 20 points and 10 rebounds in his return from a cut hand, and the New York Knicks snapped an NBA-record, 13-game postseason losing streak by beating the Miami Heat, 89-87, Sunday in Game 4 of their first-round series.

Anthony made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 54.5 seconds left as the Knicks overcame another serious injury to win a playoff game for



Members of the New York Knicks circle Baron Davis after Davis injured his knee Sunday. (AP)

the first time since April 29, 2001. Baron Davis dislocated his right kneecap in the third quarter, just as the Knicks were making the run that got them back into the game after a dismal first half.

LeBron James scored 27 for the Heat, who will try to close it out in Game 5 at home on Wednesday. Dwyane Wade had 22, but missed a 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds left that would have given Miami a lengthy rest before starting the second round.

Wade's errant shot set off a loud celebration from Knicks fans who hadn't seen their team win in the postseason since beating the Toronto Raptors in Game 3 of a best-of-five series. (AP)

Weekend Rewind



I'll Have Another won the Kentucky Derby on Saturday.

- Jayson Werth hit a three-run homer in the Nats' 7-1 win over the Phillies to clinch the series.

- D.C. United's 2-0 win sent Toronto FC to its MLS-record 8th-straight loss to start a season.

- The Yankees' Mariano Rivera tore his ACL, ending his season.

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Do You Remember?

The surviving members of the Beach Boys put aside their differences for an anniversary tour

Music

A "miracle."

That's the word Al Jardine not-so-jokingly uses to describe the latest Beach Boys reunion — this one consisting of himself and fellow founding Beach Boys Brian Wilson and Mike Love, as well as longtime players Bruce Johnston and David Marks.

After decades of prolonged separations, legal spats and near-reunions, the core Beach Boys are back together, both on stage and for an upcom-



The core surviving members of the Beach Boys, from left: Bruce Johnston, Al Jardine, Mike Love, Brian Wilson and David Marks.

Tributes

Moving Into the Present, Honoring the Past

The Beach Boys' 40-city tour takes the band's members to bigger venues than in recent years, including a headlining gig at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival. To honor Carl and Dennis Wilson's contributions (Carl died in 1998; Dennis died in 1983), the band will play alongside videos of the late founding Beach Boys during a tribute in the show. "We haven't gotten the holograms together yet," joked David Marks, referencing the Tupac Shakur hologram from Coachella. (AP)

ing new album. Their rebirth, which became a reality this year when the group performed "Good Vibrations" with Maroon 5 and Foster the People at the Grammys, has reawakened musical memories for Jardine, 69.

"When I'm rehearsing ... I'm hearing stuff I haven't performed for many years," Jardine says. "It's wonderful to rediscover the music that way."

When the Beach Boys formed in 1961, it was mostly a family affair: school pal Jardine established the group with Wilson and his late brothers, Carl and Dennis, and their cou-

in, Love. Their breezy harmonic tunes and embodiment of freewheeling West Coast sensibilities captured the nation's attention just before the Beatles invaded the United States, and continued for much of the 1960s with timeless songs like "I Get Around," "Surfin' USA" and many more.

Following the 1998 death of Carl

Wilson, the group fractured and began moving in different directions. Over the past 20 years, the Beach Boys' legacy has been mired in messy conflicts that the group's members agreed to squash in honor of their fans and the band's 50th anniversary.

"[The fans] sense that we love each other and that we really want to share

that love with them," says Wilson, 69, the visionary songwriter of such classics as "Help Me Rhonda" and "California Girls." Wilson had a turbulent tenure with the Beach Boys, notoriously leaving then returning to the band at one point as he battled mental illness and drug abuse.

"When it comes to the music, all the pretensions are aside," says 71-year-old Love. "All the egos are aside. It's just all about those group harmonies."

"We're slaves to the Beach Boys legacy," adds Marks, 63. "We're just out there trying to keep that legacy alive." DERRIK J. LANG (AP)

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A Mole's Memoir: The "Fox Mole" has burrowed his way into a book deal. Joe Muto, the former Fox News associate producer who was fired last month for writing anonymous posts in Gawker, has an agreement with Dutton for a memoir coming out in early 2013. The imprint of Penguin Group (USA) said Friday that the book will be called "An Atheist in the Fox-hole." Muto worked at Fox for eight years. The network has said it's exploring legal recourse against him. (AP)

entertainment lookout

MCA Was Licensed to Illuminate

Beastie Boys' Yauch recalled as the band's thoughtful visionary

Appreciation

From the start, the Beastie Boys were in-your-face. Adam Yauch was the one who wanted to get in your mind, too.

The demure Yauch ("MCA" when he took the mic) wasn't the

most boastful B-Boy; he was the thoughtful one and a steady source of the pioneering hip-hop trio's innovative spirit.

A practicing Buddhist, Yauch, who died Friday at age 47 after a nearly three-year battle with cancer, led the group in performing concerts to benefit Tibet and, as a filmmaker, helped create the band's imagery.

His lyrics could be zany, socially conscious and surprisingly intellec-



Adam "MCA" Yauch died Friday in New York after battling cancer. He was 47.

tual, with references to politics, the environment and Carl Sagan.

Sean "Diddy" Combs called Yauch "a true pioneer and a creative force who paved the way for so many of us."

"Adam was incredibly sweet and the most sensitive artist, who I loved dearly," said Russell Simmons, whose Def Jam label released the Beasties' "Licensed to Ill," the first hip-hop album ever to top the Billboard 200. (AP/BLOOMBERG)

"I think it's obvious to anyone how big an influence the Beastie Boys were on me and so many others. They are trailblazers and pioneers, and Adam will be sorely missed."

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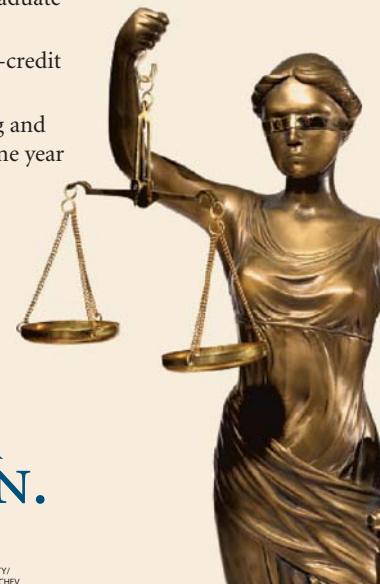
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TV tonight lookout

TV's Next Big Step

A new special ponders home entertainment's post-cable possibilities

Television

CNBC 9:00 While some wonder which shows will return next fall, the special "Stay Tuned: The Future of TV" takes a longer view. Hosted by Julia Boorstin, it presents interviews with media giants about the evolution of entertainment.

While new sets allow viewers to connect their personal computers to TV monitors, it's clear that this convergence is in its infancy. Will the next big step come from a fancy new gadget introduced by a company like Apple? Or a new must-see offering from a company like YouTube?

The future may be uncertain, but we do know the current situation is confusing and expensive. Consumers are paying more than ever

for their cable bill. Many of these people also pay fees for broadband and for one or several phone services. Why not combine them and dispense with several bills?

Sadly, but not unexpectedly, many cable networks have responded to the threat of lost viewers not by creating "must-see" offerings, but by circling the creative wagons with mindlessly derivative and unoriginal programming.

How else to explain the num-



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ber of copycat series about bidding on storage lockers? Italian-American stereotypes behaving badly, or redneck stereotypes falling into swamps? Cooking competitions erupting in obscene tirades?

"Stay Tuned" offers no crystal-ball answers. But asking folks to fork over \$100 a month in a weak economy to watch 50 variations on "Storage Wars" is not a sustainable business model. I'm not yet sure whether cable television is in the process of committing suicide, or begging us to put it out of its misery.

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Best Bets

CW 8:00

Gossip Girl When Blair realizes she has to be in two places at once, she asks Serena (Blake Lively, right) to fill in for her at one of the events, an important meeting. Ivy and Lola help Chuck wage a vendetta in the new episode "The Fugitives."



FAM 9:00

Make It or Break It It's the final week of qualifications, and Lauren has just undergone an experimental procedure and is worried about whether she'll recover in time to compete in the finals. Jordan is thrown for a loop in the new episode "Truth Be Told."

CBS 9:30

Mike & Molly Mike and Molly's wedding rehearsal, held two days before the real thing, is an unmitigated disaster. Reginald VelJohnson ("Family Matters") guest stars in the new episode "The Rehearsal."

NBC 10:00

Smash Rebecca (Uma Thurman, left) faces a crisis as "Bombshell" gets its first look from an audience. When it falls short, Tom and Julia attempt some adjustments. Frank's life is disrupted by the return of Michael. Dev tries to mend fences with Karen. Megan Hilty also stars in the new episode "Previews."



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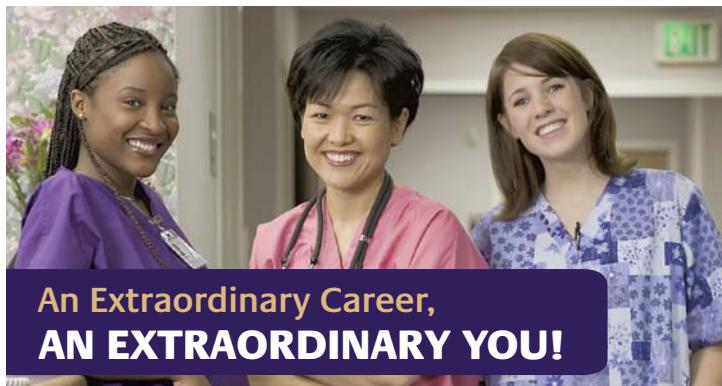
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"Why are we picking on her...she's rich. Just like celebs who make tons of money and wear \$500 khakis. People dress according to their income. Just don't see the big deal."

— COMMENTER SHER123 AT HUFFING-TONPOST.COM doesn't agree with all the backlash towards Ann Romney, wife of GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who was interviewed Thursday on CBS wearing a silk t-shirt that retails for \$90.

"Anyone notice how whenever the supermoon is out, mild mannered satellite Moon Kent is nowhere to be found?"

— @ROLLDIGGITY offers up a Superman joke after the Saturday night appearance of the so-called supermoon, which occurs when a full moon is out while the satellite makes its closest approach to Earth.

"It was hardly the hands-all-over-Bieb epic we had been sneakily teased with. Still, the 18-year-old Canadian displayed a more mature demeanor than ever in the clip."

— ROBBIE DAW AT IDOLATOR.COM offers a quick review of the video for Justin Bieber's song "Boyfriend" released Thursday.

"Dear Cobie Smulders, no matter what you choose to do (ie; Agent Hill on The Avengers) you're always Robin Scherbatsky to me."

— @MASLOWTHEPEOPLE couldn't get over seeing the "How I Met Your Mother" star acting on the big screen this weekend.

"It seems pretty clear that some part of every mother and father delights in the possibility that a big cat might come close to eating their baby. Oh, and us."

— HALLE KIEFER AT BESTWEEKEVER.TV reacts to a YouTube video of a child dressed in a black-and-white striped outfit, which a lioness at a zoo apparently thought made the child look like a zebra.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Problem-solving becomes a priority before the day is out—and will continue as such for a few days to come.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be the one that others turn to today to undo the negative effects of a recent misunderstanding. Wield authority with care.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're beginning a kind of transformation today that will occur slowly and be complete only after you have overcome certain personal challenges.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may not find what you are looking for today, or what truly appeals to you. It's time to consider alternatives!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will want to research certain key issues today before you begin making any decisions that will affect those around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The information you receive today can be used almost immediately—and when you combine it with experience you've gained, you may be unstoppable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Why would you try to hide today when, in fact, putting yourself and your talents on display can reap immediate results? Get out there!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What are you waiting for? The time is now—and you know it. You've been holding back for too long, and today is the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can learn a great deal from watching someone you admire; he or she will deal with a current challenge in a way that speaks to you.

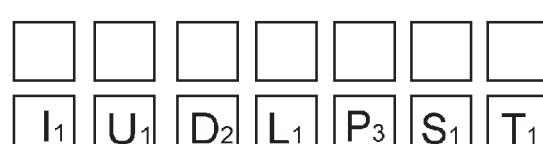
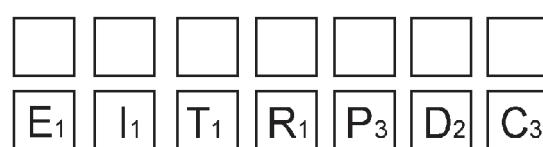
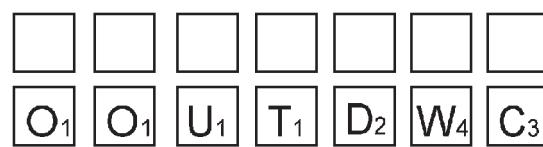
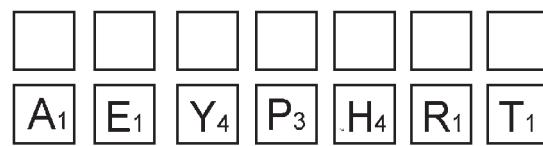
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be feeling somewhat rebellious today, but take care that you don't rub others the wrong way just to be difficult.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The longer you wait today, the more impatient someone else will become—and he or she is really the one who maintains a controlling influence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may have to choose between the conventional and the unconventional. Yes, there is something to be said for each!

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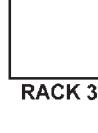
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| RACK 2 = | 61 | | | | | |
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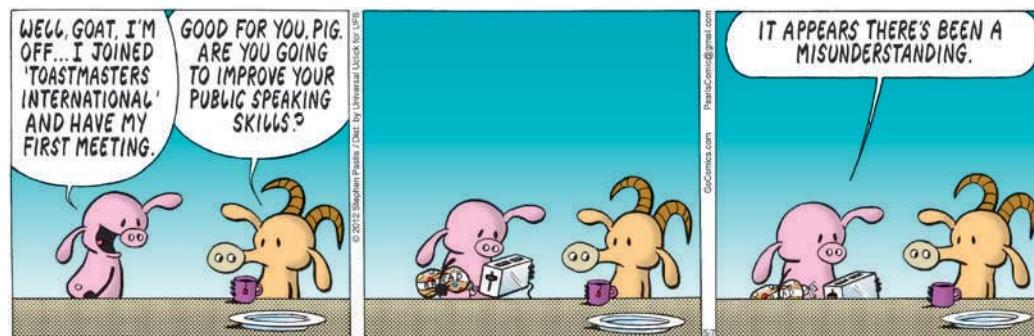
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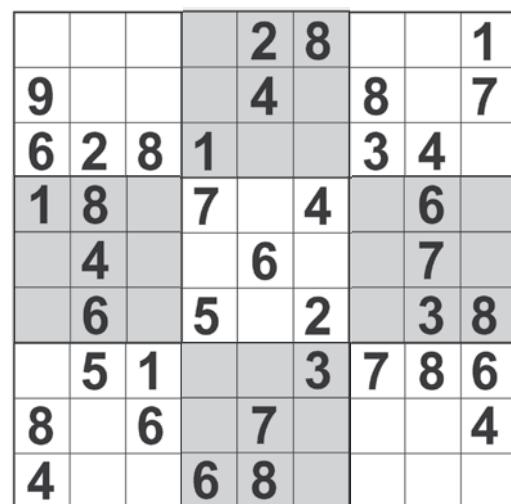


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Forecast



72 | 59

Today: More clouds than sun today. Mostly cloudy tonight.



77 | 63

Tomorrow: Thunderstorms tomorrow. A thunderstorm early tomorrow night.



76 | 54 | 71 | 51 | 68 | 50

| Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| Sun and Moon | | |
| Sunrise today: 6:03 a.m. | | |
| Sunset today: 8:07 p.m. | | |
| Moonrise today: 10:18 p.m. | | |
| Moonset today: 7:09 a.m. | | |
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 10 "____ you were here!"
 14 Fairy-tale bear
 15 Archer's weapon
 16 Jodie in a 1999 epic set in Asia
 17 X or Y line on a graph
 18 Complex decorative pattern
 19 Cookout in Honolulu
 20 "Hollywood Squares" basis
 22 Often with a blouse
 23 ____ Beta Kappa
 24 Babble
 26 Angler's hooks
 30 Multicolored cat
 32 Zionist's homeland
 34 "I've got a mule, her name is ____"
 35 They may be tipped
 39 Sit-down occasion
 40 Anti-knock additive
 42 Repeat what you heard
 43 Actor Giamatti
 44 Astonishment
 45 Spanish wine
 47 Letting off the throttle (with "up")
 50 Vegetable spreads
 51 Mapped out
 54 Roman greeting
 56 Native Hawkeye
 57 North Sea catch of the day
 63 Perjuring witness
 64 Change pants?
 65 "American ____"
 66 ____ the Red (Norse explorer)
 67 Allow to enter
 68 Playoff disappointment
 69 A brother of Abel
 70 "Saying it ____ thing, doing..."
 71 Supports a backyard tire

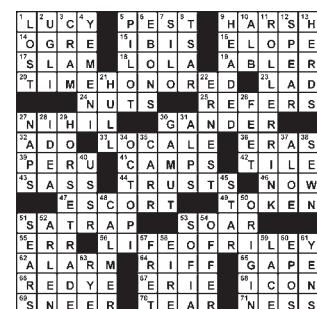
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3 "War and Peace," e.g.
 4 Bygone days
 5 Fire starter
 6 Titillating
 7 Quartet when one's out sick
 8 Employ a therapeutic technique
 9 Have liabilities
 10 Thing taught in obedience school
 11 Alaska native
 12 "Grrr!" is one
 13 ____ cuisine
 21 Vaulted church wing
 22 Biological pocket
 25 Small streams
 26 Ribbonlike fabric
 27 Aboard an ocean liner
 28 German Mrs.
 29 Podiatrist's concern
 31 Disturbingly pale
 33 Apartment renter's agreement
 36 Ten square chains
 37 "Comin' ____ the Rye" (Robert Burns poem)
 38 Asian restaurant sauces
 41 Plays with one's thumbs, in a way
 46 Ground-breaking farmer
 48 ____ Arbor, Mich.
 49 Knuckled under
 51 Laundry accumulations
 52 Department and river of France
 53 Anticipate
 55 "From the Earth to the Moon" author Jules
 58 ____ von Bismarck

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59 Delta accumulation
 60 Sneaker output
 61 Blow, as a game
 62 "Can I get you anything ____?"
 64 "Float like a butterfly" boxer

Friday's Solution



Today in History

1789 The first inaugural ball is held in New York in honor of President George Washington.

1915 A German torpedo sinks the British liner RMS Lusitania off the Irish coast, killing nearly 1,200 people.

1945 Germany signs an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

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'The City of Sarajevo Welcomes Your Taxes!'

Angelina Jolie says she is proud to have been named an honorary citizen of Sarajevo and that she will visit the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina this summer. The city held a ceremony to bestow the honor upon Jolie on Thursday. In an audio message played at the event, Jolie said she was "proud to now be a ... fellow citizen to the people I deeply love and admire." (AP)

STANDARDS

Finally, Two People No Gossip Site Can Bear To Link Romantically

Lindsay Lohan, Woody Allen, Allen's wife and a record producer had a business dinner Saturday night in New York City, according to Radaronline.com. The director and actress have met before and "it appears they're working on a project together," wrote Radar. TMZ.com reported that the two have been friends for years and hope to work together soon. (EXPRESS)



No one wants this, not even TMZ.

Victims

West-Kardashian Elopement Put Off Indefinitely

Kim Kardashian's attorney told a Los Angeles judge Friday that Kris Humphries' hurt feelings are slowing down divorce proceedings. Humphries' attorneys said they needed more time to gather information to decide whether to pursue allegations that the marriage was a fraud. The judge told both sides to return Aug. 15. (AP)

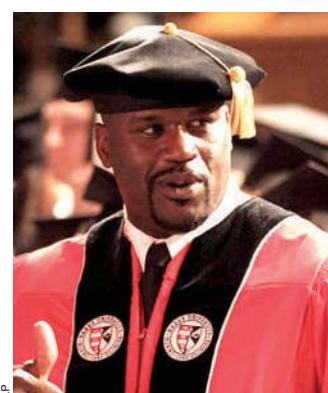


FEMINISM

@evennowim definingmyself bymyfailed relationship Was Too Long

Demi Moore has changed her Twitter handle from @mrskutcher to @justdemi. In April, Moore asked her followers on the site for suggestions for a new handle. She wrote Thursday that it was "so hard finding a name that was fun somewhat playful and available." She said her new name "could grow on me." Moore has nearly 5 million followers on Twitter. (AP)

@mrskutcher



DOCTORATES

Thesis Titled 'Next Time I Want the Honorary Kind'

Former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal received his doctoral degree in education from Florida's Barry University alongside 1,100 other students during commencement ceremonies Saturday. He knelt so the chair of Barry's organizational learning and leadership program could drape a light blue hood on him. O'Neal earned a cumulative GPA of 3.813 while completing 54 credit hours, mostly through online courses and video conferencing. (AP)

"I actually had a nightmare the other night that people were trying to deflate my boobs while I was working."



JENNIFER LOVE HEWITT TOLD CHELSEA HANDLER THAT SHE'S "GETTING ISSUES" FROM SHOWING OFF HER CHEST SO MUCH FOR "THE CLIENT LIST."

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